



# Crop Progress and Condition

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## Potato Harvest Ramped Up in Idaho

There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork in Idaho last week, up from 5.9 the previous week. Both the potato and corn silage harvests made good progress last week. Grain producers also kept busy planting winter wheat as another winter-like storm approached the state. Several winter wheat fields emerged. Some frost and hard freezes were reported throughout the state. Boundary County reported a hard freeze. Frost might have damaged some corn in south central Idaho. First snow was reported on the valley floor in Lemhi County. Teton County also reported snow and frost last week. Diversified farmers completed their harvest and hay producers wrapped up second and third cutting in the high country. Garbanzo beans were still in the field waiting for harvest in northern Idaho. A producer reported they were cutting beans at 21% moisture on Sunday in Benewah County.

## Autumn Weather Continued to Cool Things Off Across Oregon

There were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork in Oregon last week, up from 5.9 the previous week. In northern coastal Oregon, crop producers were busy getting winter wheat and the last of the grass seed crops planted. Fall fertilizer was applied to perennial crops and there were still fresh vegetables in the local markets. Pumpkins were plentiful in markets and crop stands. The grape and hazelnut harvests continued between storms. Winter vegetables were also harvested. The cool weather and rain helped pastures. Nursery work focused on winter preparation and propagation. Corn silage harvest continued between weather events. In north central Oregon, the temperatures dropped below freezing at night. Pastures continued to green up and fall calving was still going on. Producers took advantage of ideal conditions to seed wheat. Some producers waited for the cheat grass to come up so they could spray it before seeding. In southwest Oregon, the industrial hemp harvest began. Multiple rain events raised mold concerns for vineyard owners and hemp producers. Pear growers experienced difficulty finding labor to harvest crops. First frost of the fall occurred in both Jackson and Josephine Counties. In south central and southeast Oregon, hay was cut or already down in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties. Frost was also reported this week. Range conditions improved with the late season precipitation. Hemp harvest was also ramping up in this region. Some hemp fields that were planted late, were more affected by the frost. In Klamath County, the wheat and barley harvests were complete. Potatoes were almost completely done. Some onion harvest occurred throughout the week. Pastures looked good, except for some areas that did not have water delivery earlier this year. Fourth cutting alfalfa took place over the weekend in many places.

## Washington Producers Concerned with Wet and Cold Conditions

There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork in Washington last week, up from 4.1 days suitable the previous week. Western Washington continued to be wet. Harvest was bogged down by saturated field conditions. Many producers were concerned about unharvested crops still in fields. No hay was cut due to weather. Tree fruit crops were harvested along with late-fall vegetables in San Juan County. Yakima County had freezing nights last week. Most vegetable crops were wrapped up, while apple harvest continued. Hops, corn for silage, and alfalfa hay were also harvested. Northeastern Washington received snow and rain. Lentils and garbanzos were harvested alongside spring wheat. Some fields in the Waterville Plateau were not harvested due to sprouting. There were two nights of freezing temperatures in Asotin and Garfield Counties with snow fall reported at higher elevations. Crops were waiting to dry in Whitman County.

### Soil Moisture Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/06/19

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	4	31	59	6
Oregon.....	6	12	82	-
Washington.....	-	22	72	6
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho.....	6	34	59	1
Oregon.....	9	34	55	2
Washington.....	2	31	66	1

- Represents zero.

### Pasture, Range, and Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 10/06/19

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture and range					
Idaho.....	1	9	32	51	7
Oregon.....	2	26	35	33	4
Washington.....	9	14	23	51	3
Potatoes					
Idaho.....	-	2	13	55	30
Corn					
Idaho.....	-	3	7	83	7
Oregon.....	1	5	34	45	15
Washington.....	-	-	14	76	10
Sugarbeets					
Idaho.....	-	-	18	51	31
Oregon.....	-	4	36	60	-

- Represents zero.

### Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 10/06/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	58	43	65	67
Winter wheat emerged.....	27	12	32	32
Potatoes harvested.....	61	38	66	63
Sugarbeets harvested.....	28	21	33	31
Field corn mature.....	78	70	92	62
Field corn harvested for grain .....	15	3	34	25
Field corn harvested for silage .....	68	39	84	77
Dry edible beans harvested .....	71	63	94	91
Onions harvested .....	86	85	78	77
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	68	60	74	65

(NA) Not available.

### Crop Progress — Oregon: Week Ending 10/06/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted .....	57	43	41	41
Winter wheat emerged.....	23	19	10	13
Potatoes harvested.....	86	72	69	(NA)
Sugarbeets harvested.....	35	16	33	(NA)
Field corn harvested for grain .....	28	25	20	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage .....	58	35	62	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested .....	90	80	84	(NA)
Onions harvested .....	84	81	62	(NA)

(NA) Not available.

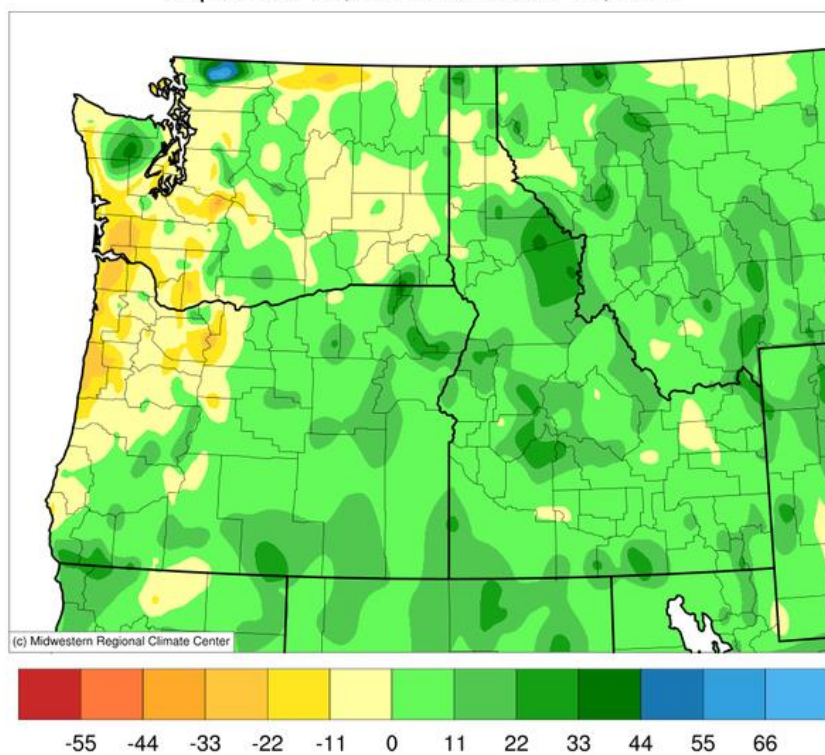
### Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 10/06/19

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested .....	95	93	100	100
Winter wheat planted .....	67	61	74	74
Winter wheat emerged.....	30	13	39	52
Barley harvested.....	90	88	100	100
Potatoes harvested.....	57	54	57	68
Sugarbeets harvested.....	75	55	40	(NA)
Field corn dented.....	93	80	92	84
Field corn mature.....	55	40	72	52
Field corn harvested for grain .....	2	1	36	22
Field corn harvested for silage .....	59	47	72	72
Dry edible beans harvested .....	85	66	94	96
Dry peas harvested.....	95	91	100	100
Onions harvested .....	97	72	85	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting .....	72	67	66	78

(NA) Not available.

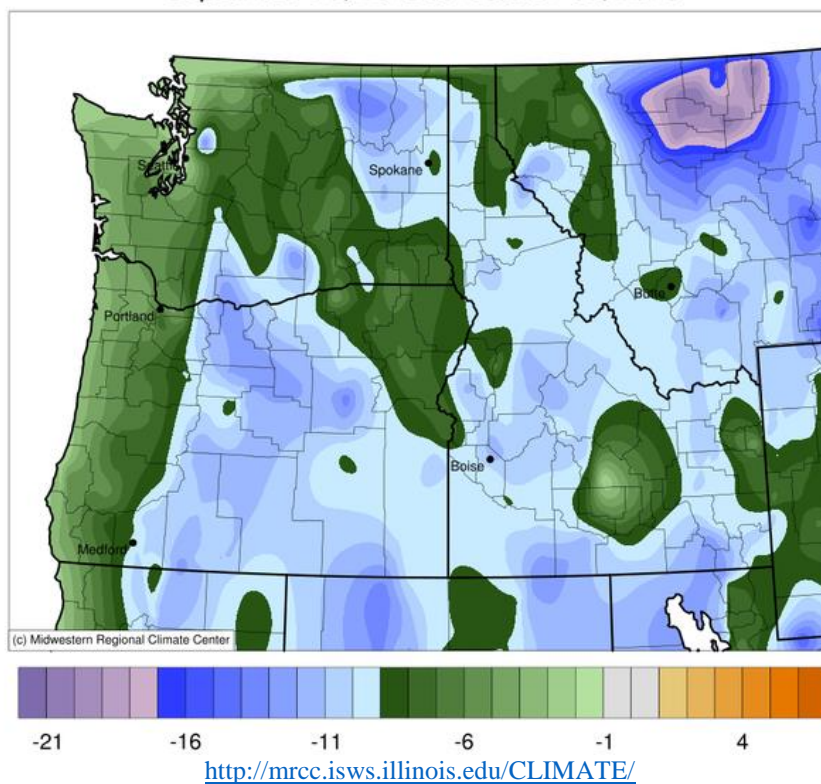
**Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

September 01, 2018 to October 06, 2019



**Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals**

September 30, 2019 to October 06, 2019



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